GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3657
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SELLING OF EQUIPMENT IN NATIONAL MUSEUM
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Croreon Ke Yanter Kabadeyon Ko Bechane Ki Mansha` appearing in the Rashtriya Sahara dated July 29, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government against the guilty officials; and

(d) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for appropriate utilisation of these equipment?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) : There is no such proposal, as alleged in the newsitem, to dispose off the equipments that were received by the National Museum in 1990 under the Japanese Government`s grant-in-aid scheme. In fact, National Museum has taken the initiative of taking up the matter of servicing of these equipments as also training of museum conservators, with the Embassy of Japan in India.